Wikidata as a Cultural Heritage Information Hub

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"To be honest, I have no idea about this thing. Maybe wait till others use it . . ."

What is

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Wikipedia's database sister

A large multi-lingual community site

The free knowledge base anyone can edit

>24,000,000

data entities

>150,000

contributors with at least one edit

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| creator | Raphael |

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inventory number	Gal.-Nr. 93
	collection Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister

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- User-defined vocabulary

Sistine Madonna (Q328079)

material used	oil paint
	canvas
	applies to part background

>120,000,000

statements, about 50% sourced

>2,800

distinct properties

189,929

visual artworks, including 154,212 paintings

28,798

monuments

14,163

sculptures

703,126

entities with a heritage status,

almost 130,000 with start time

49,122

musical compositions, including 4,337 operas
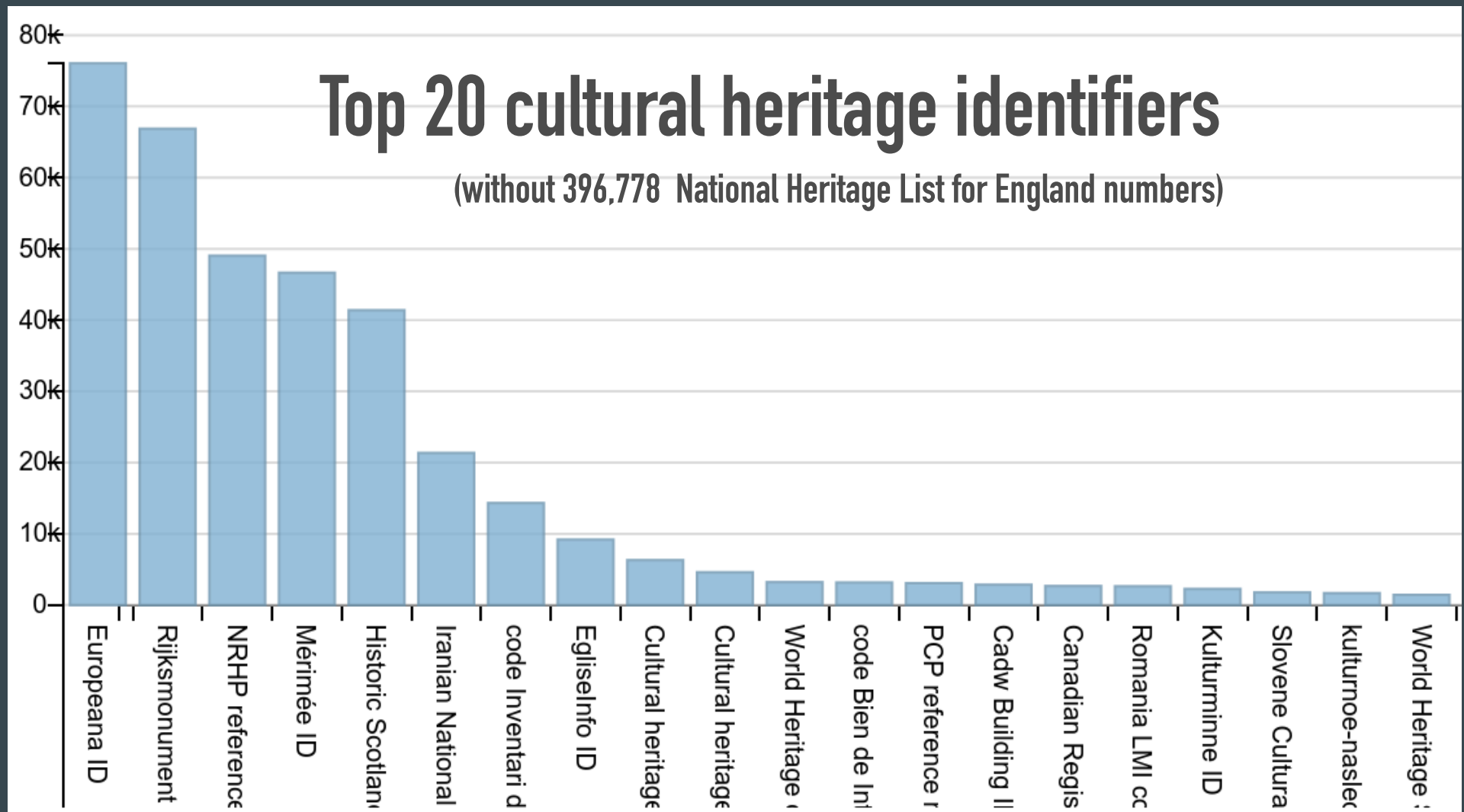
WIKIDATA

as an information hub

50,777,678 links to 291 Wikipedias

24,561,400 links to 1,326 external DBs

767,361 links to 66 cultural heritage identification sites

Top 20 cultural heritage identifiers

(without 396,778 National Heritage List for England numbers)

>1,500 museums with artworks on Wikidata

How is all this data used then?

- In Wikipedia

- In external apps

- In research

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```
1  SELECT ?museum ?museumLabel ?count  {
2  { SELECT (COUNT(?item) AS ?count) ?museum WHERE
3      {
4          ?item wdt:P195/wdt:P361* ?museum .
5          ?museum wdt:P31/wdt:P279* wd:Q33506 .
6      } GROUP BY ?museum
7      ORDER BY DESC(?count)  LIMIT 100 }
8    SERVICE wikibase:label { bd:serviceParam wikibase:language "en" }
9  } ORDER BY DESC(?count)
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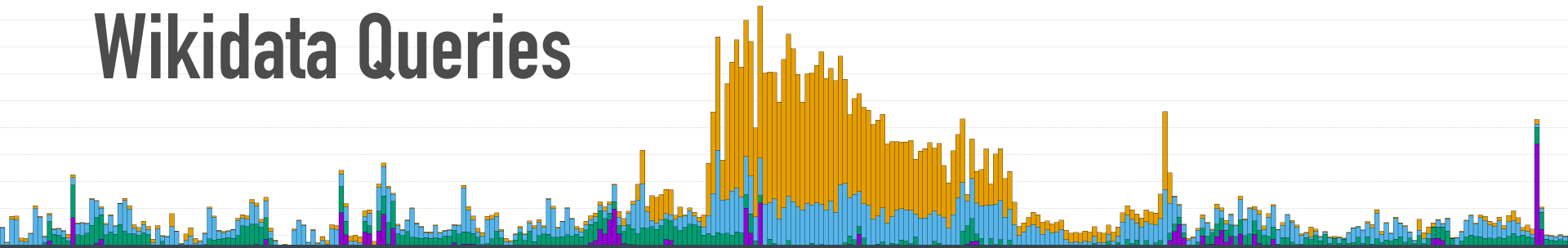Press [CTRL-SPACE] to activate auto completion.

Data updated **a few seconds** ago

▶ Run | Clear | 100 Results in 61 ms

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museum	museumLabel	count
🔍 wd:Q190804	Rijksmuseum	16620

Understanding Wikidata Queries

More than
30,000,000
queries asked
in Sept 2016

- About 10% from human users

- 2500 queries used "Europeana ID"

- More research needed …

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"We should use it more."

"But how?"

Step 1: Connect

Align Wikidata with your data

- Join ongoing data integration projects

- Crowdsource, e.g., using Mix'n'Match

Step 2: Share

Exchange data

- Donate your data to Wikidata

- Integrate with and compare to Wikidata

Step 3: Exploit

Take advantage of your integrated data

- Create new services on Wikidata content and infrastructure

- Enjoy more links to your content from other services

Step 0: Ask

Get in touch with the right people

- Wikidata wiki & email list (community)

- Wikimedia Germany (development)

- Wikimedia Found. (operations)

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"Let's get started!"

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